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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown by Figs. 2A and 2B, the connector 10 is constituted by a plug (first connecting means) 20 substantially in a tubular shape attached to an end portion one pipe to be connected, a socket (second connecting means) 40 substantially in a tubular shape attached to an end portion of other pipe, and a stopper 60 mounted to the socket 40 and formed by a bent wire.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Particularly as shown by Fig. 3B, Fig. 4A, at an inner periphery of the socket 40, a stepped portion 47 is formed between the first diameter expanded portion 44 and the second diameter expanded portion 45 and a hold ring (holding means) 49 is mounted between the second diameter expanded portion 45 and the third diameter expanded portion 46.